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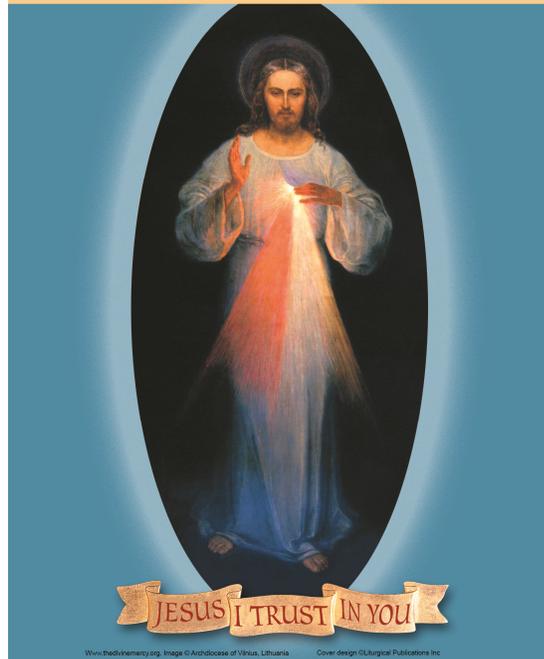
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the Catholic faith community of St. Teresa of Avila parish, guided by the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves to proclaim and follow the Good News of Jesus Christ. Basing our lives on faith, hope and love, we seek to meet our needs and the spiritual and corporal needs of those around us. It is our humble prayer that our lives will be visible signs of His presence in the world as we celebrate Christ in His Word and Sacraments.



*Sunday of the Divine Mercy*



**MASS SCHEDULE**

<i>Sunday Liturgies</i> .....	8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
<i>Saturday Vigil</i> .....	4:30 PM
<i>Weekday Liturgies</i>	
<i>Daily</i> .....	8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM
<i>Saturday</i> .....	9:00 AM
<i>Vigil of Holy Days</i> .....	5:30 PM
<i>Holy Days</i> .....	8:00 AM; 7:30 PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

First Saturday 8:15 to 8:45 a.m.

Vigil of Holy Days 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

or anytime by request.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

As preparation for Baptism, parents are asked to contact the parish office to make an appointment with the Pastor.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Arrangements to be made at the Rectory 6 months in advance.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please register at the Rectory as soon as you move within the parish.

Note: If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the Rectory.

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

These letters needed for Baptismal and Confirmation sponsors are issued gladly to those who have been registered for 6 months, attend Mass regularly, have been confirmed, if married, have done so in conformity with the Church laws, and children attend Religious Education.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

8:00 Charles Raymond Groff *by Jean Haun*

Tuesday, April 30 - St. Pius V

8:00 Gertrude and Andrew Korszykowski *by The Estate of Gertrude Bartels*

Wednesday, May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

5:30 Sister Agnes Marie of the Eternal High Priest *by Donna Bruno*

Thursday, May 2 - St. Athanasius

8:00 Gene Dziekan *by wife*

Friday, May 3 - Ss. Philip and James

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

Saturday, May 4

9:00 Rose Wylde *by The Molitor Family*

4:30 Al Bassanello *by family*

Sunday, May 5 - Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 Michael Lyon *by mom and dad*

10:15 Dominic Mattioli *by family*

### Scripture Readings For the Week



**Monday** - Acts of the Apostles 4:23-31; John 3:1-8

**Tuesday** - Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15

**Wednesday** - Acts of the Apostles 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

**Thursday** - Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

**Friday** - 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

**Saturday** - Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

**Sunday** - Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

We have several weekday and weekend Masses available in the upcoming months. Call the Rectory Office any weekday morning for your preferred dates.



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Jesus, I trust in You! This short prayer concludes the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which we will sing at 10:15 Mass while those in need of serious healing receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

It is also the Second Sunday of Easter, the eighth day of the Resurrection. Since our days pass in seven-day cycles, the "eighth day" has a sense of escaping time and entering eternity. All Christians should live with one foot in the eighth day, because our citizenship is in Heaven (Philippians 3:20).

Sister Faustina Kowalska was a cloistered nun in Warsaw, Poland who received apparitions from Jesus Himself, who told her to spread the message that God is full of Divine Mercy. He told her to have an image painted of Him as He appeared to her, above the words "Jesus I trust in You." A copy of this image resides in our church above the candles on the left side of the nave.

We can trust that God's mercy is available to all who ask for it. So let us pray for His help in our trials, but also pray that those who are far from Jesus will turn and seek Him. He is always waiting for them, like the father of the prodigal son.

There is so much to gaze at in church right now. We have put on our best finery for Jesus to honor His Resurrection. I'm very grateful to all who helped with our altar decorations and for the many volunteers who ministered on the altar during the Triduum services.

Once more, I also want to congratulate our three RCIA participants Leo, Jim, and Gabrielle. The proper term for them now is "neophytes" which means "new light." The Light of Christ which came into our darkened church last Saturday night now surrounds them and enlightens their minds. All three really applied themselves to the process and will enrich our parish with their new spiritual gifts.

Special thanks to Deacon Ron who has been at the center of our RCIA and helped me so much during the Triduum services. I don't know how I ever did all that on my own! Just singing the seven-minute Exsultet Hymn is tiring (they ought to call it the Exhaustet!), and I was glad to share the duties with him.

This is just the beginning! Seven Sundays and fifty days of Easter to celebrate! Let us continue to bring our best worship to our Risen Lord.

Hosanna and Alleluia!

-Father Dave

**Our Prayer Request for the Week:** For a revival of faith in Christian hearts throughout the world; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Shirley Lantz, Lorraine Sylvester, Lucas Lowe, Jim Creed, Liam Williams, Doug Schifferle, Crystal Howard, Leah Howard, Whitey Spoth, Gloria Rembas, Geraldine Benker, Tony Scheeda, Eileen Tiedt and Marygrace Marinello. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.



Last Sunday we welcomed another baby into our faith community through the saving waters of Baptism! **Drake Richard Borden** is the son of Katherine (Brown) and Jeffrey Borden. Congratulations and God's richest blessings on the entire family!

**Religious Education:** Works of mercy are actions taken to help our neighbors. The corporal works of mercy meet the needs of the body, such as feeding the hungry and giving clothes to those who have none. Can you remember the other five corporal works of mercy that we learned in school? There are also seven spiritual works of mercy to meet the needs of the spirit: instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently, praying for the living and the dead.

**Youth Ministry Upcoming Events:**

High School: Sunday, May 19th - 6:00 - 8:00 pm - "Weird Relay Races". Come compete against other teams in weird relays that will test your cooperation skills, speed, agility and knowledge.

Honor Your Mother in a special way on Mother's Day and beyond with a gift of the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Special envelopes are available in your packet of envelopes or on the tables in the vestibule of the Church. Please return them in the weekly collection basket at your earliest convenience.



Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are struggling. **Catholic Charities** of Buffalo offers several basic and emergency services, such as food, housing, medications, and clothing. If you have not already done so, please return your donation or pledge to the Rectory at your earliest convenience.



Our **Knights of Columbus** Council No. 13661 invite you to their annual **Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast** featuring pancakes from Break N Eggs Creperie, eggs from Krehers, plus sausage, sweets, coffee, etc. on Sunday, May 12th from 8:30 am until noon at Our Lady of Peace Church, 10950 Main Street, Clarence. A Free will offering will be taken.



May is the Month of Mary, Mother of Jesus. We will be saying the rosary before each weekday Mass, including Saturday morning. Please arrive about 15 minutes before Mass starts and join us.

**Ministers for May**

**Ministers of the Eucharist:** 4:30 pm - Joe Bergman and John O'Donnell; 8:00 am - Randy Bergman; 10:15 am - Doug Whelan and Cindy Hayes; **Lectors:** 4:30 pm - Lynn O'Donnell; 8:00 am - Dick Campbell; 10:15 am - Wally Smith; **Altar Servers:** 4:30 pm - Nevada Bergman and Paul Bergman; 8:00 am - Christopher Bergman and Andrew Bergman; 10:15 am - Henry Kish and Christian Klonowski



A young boy was spending a Sunday afternoon with his grandpa. Looking at pictures of his grandpa in his military uniform, the boy asked, "Grandpa, did you ever kill anyone in the war?" "No champ, I never did." "That's a good thing." "You're telling me," began grandpa, "I was the cook!"



- Sunday, April 28 - Religious Education Classes - 9-10 am
- Monday, April 29 - Bible Study - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- Thursday, May 2 - Bible Study - 8:45 am in Room 1 of the School
- Saturday, May 4 - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9:00 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15 - 8:45 am and 3:45 - 4:15 pm
- Sunday, May 5 - Religious Education Classes - 9-10 am



**Prayer for Vocations**

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Can God be calling you to help share His mercy in a profound way? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories at [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org)!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"A dead thing can go with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it."

~ G.K. Chesterton from  
The Everlasting Man